Police investigation in fatal accidents

2343. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Delhi High Court has adversely commented on the police investigation especially in fatal accident cases, the rate of acquittal being very high;

(b) if so, whether the guidelines prescribed by the Hon'ble Court like bringing on record the photographs of the accident site, mechanical inspection reports of the vehicles, medical report of the erring driver, weather conditions, etc. would be brought to the notice of State Governments, to enlighten the police investigation officials; and

(c) what is the all-India rate of acquittal of the accused drivers in fatal accident cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The High Court of Delhi in its judgement delivered on 27th September, 2006 in the case—Criminal Revision Petition 114/2006-Abdul Subhan Vs. State (NCT of Delhi)—have specified certain guidelines to be followed by the police while investigating accident cases. The important judgements of the High Courts are published in the Criminal Law Reporter of information as well as compliance.

(c) The specific information regarding the acquittal of accused drivers in fatal accident cases is not maintained by National Crime Record Bureau.

Setting up of Central law Enforcement Agency

2344. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are seriously considering setting up of a Central Law Enforcement Agency, on the pattern of the US Government's Federal Bureau of Investigation, for resolving inter-State disputes on Mega projects;

(b) if so, by when final decision for setting up of the same is likely to be taken;

(c) whether this new commission will also consider the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission, that were submitted in 1987; and

(d) if so, by when the commission is likely to function?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) The need for setting up a Central Law Enforcement Agency empowered to take up *suo moto* investigation of crimes having inter-State or international ramifications with serious implications on national security is included in the terms of reference of the new Commission on Centre-State Relations. The Commission will devise its own procedure for the discharge of its functions.

(d) It is not possible to indicate a time frame.

Citizenship of Pak origin residents

2345. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are residents with Pakistan origin/citizenship who settled in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of such residents, State-wise as on date;

(c) whether Competent Authority has initiated steps to grant Indian Citizenship to the above residents;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the number of citizenship granted during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(e) whether steps would be taken to grant citizenship to all such residents;

(f) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken or to be taken; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the table of the House. (*See* below)